



Christ the King
November 23, 2025
8 a.m. worship, Kerr Chapel

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Called to make fully-devoted followers of Christ, inwardly strong and outwardly focused.



Christ the True and Better Jonah

The Words of Preparation

What does the book teach us? We are not receiving messages of doom from prophets, but the judgment of God still threatens the unrighteous...It is not unusual for people to feel that something they have done has put them beyond the reach of God's mercy, disqualified for his grace or compassion. The book of Jonah has encouraging words to offer: God's compassion is boundless.

John Walton, *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible*

THE WELCOME

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register. Visitors, please fill out a Get Connected card from the pew back and drop it in the offering plate to receive our E-News updates, and fellowship opportunities.

THE INTROIT

Thanks Be to God

Stanley Dickson

Breana McIntosh, soloist

Thanks be to God for roses rare, for skies of blue and sunshine fair, for every gift I raise a prayer, thanks be to God! Thanks be to God for lovely night, for mystic fields with stars so bright, for hours of dream and deep delight, thanks be to God! Thanks be to God for love divine, the hopes that round my heart entwine; for all the joy that now is mine, thanks be to God!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

But emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even Death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, let us stand in honor,

And let us worship God!

♦ **THE OPENING HYMN 148** At the Name of Jesus KING'S WESTON

♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Elder Betty Marshall

THE FIRST READING Galatians 3:23-29

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name... *(in silence)*

♦ **THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION 98** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When Christ had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time, He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool, because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Therefore, hear and believe that good news of the gospel, that in Jesus Christ there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon His name! **Alleluia! Amen!**

♦ **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING 551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

THE SECOND READING Jonah 1-3

THE SERMON Christ the True and Better Jonah Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution
Prayer of Blessing
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

THE WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be a faithful disciple, obeying Jesus' word and showing His love?

I will.

Will you devote yourself to the Church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, and seek to serve the purposes of Christ, the Lord of the Church?

With God's help, I will.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**◆ THE CLOSING HYMN 280**

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**THE POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on the tune ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

◆ Please stand

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Greetings in Christ!

We are glad to welcome you to worship! We are a community that seeks to lift high the name of Jesus and to serve the common good. If you are here for the first time, we pray that you will sense the presence of Christ and the warmth of this congregation. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you; if this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out a *Welcome Guest Card*, or contact Emma Myatt at 918-857-5652 or emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Neil Cluck, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Debi Foster, Jim Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Patricia Hall, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Barbara Mugge, David Osterholt, David Perkins, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Carolyn Perryman, Joe Robson, Mary Ruddle, Bob Shipman, Vanda Simmons, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Sally Stewart, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, and Norma Wallace.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Charlotte Elizabeth Crane, daughter of Caitlin and Bretton Crane, and Palmer James Gerow, daughter of Carley and Blake Gerow, were baptized on November 16.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Karen Cluck on the death of her brother on November 16.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Ed Hiserodt, a member since 1981, died on November 9; Carol Langenberg, a member since 2006, died on November 17.

WORSHIP NOTES

Services are broadcast on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube.

For those who need hearing assistance in the Sanctuary or Stephenson Hall, audio headsets are available from the ushers. Also available are large-print hymnals and Bibles.

Our Letters of Blessing today go to Vanda Simmons and Bella Quiroz.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edith and Jim Favell and Carrie and Tex Bayouth, by Debbie and John Favell.

Now Thank We All Our God! The symbols of blessing on the Lord's Table today are given to the glory of God and in grateful memory of Richard Halliburton, and Mary Ellen and Walter Esser, by Sherye Halliburton and family.

Please notify the church if you have a pastoral need, change of address, phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Thank you for your faithful support: Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically in lieu of the offering plates at firstchurchtulsa.org, text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code.



FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

Pastoral Prayer: Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. To receive a weekly prayer prompt, please text @pastorfpc to "81010".

Prayer in the Chapel: Join together from 10:40 - 10:55 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month for prayer during this time of pastoral transition.

Need a Pastoral Visit? If you or someone whom you know is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

Young Adults: First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Instagram at @fpcyoungadults or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

HAPPENING TODAY

2026 Stewardship Campaign - Live Gratefully. Give Intentionally: For 140 years, First Church has been blessed by the faithful gifts of those who came before us—laying a foundation of ministry, mission, and worship that continues to shape lives today. As we look ahead, we embrace the call to grateful living and intentional giving, recognizing that every gift is an expression of gratitude to God and a commitment to His work. This year, our goal is to welcome 40 new givers who will join in building upon this legacy, ensuring that the next generation experiences the same grace and generosity that have sustained us for more than a century. Every gift counts, no matter the amount. Together, we honor the past and invest in the future. Will you join us? Make your pledge today at FirstChurchTulsa.org/Stewardship26 or scan the QR code provided. Your intentional gift helps us continue this story of faith and generosity.



Interested in joining a Sunday School class? For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey at edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org or click the QR code.



First Friends in the Pews: Meet at the Atrium coffee bar 15 minutes before each worship service.

Pastor's Study (Foundations): Sunday mornings, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in room E104. We will discuss the historical, theological, and literary nature of Genesis and how this first book of the Bible sets the stage for everything to come. All are welcome!

Young Adult Friendsgiving: Please join us for Young Adult Friendsgiving TONIGHT at 7pm at the Hutchinson Home. Bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share! Find us on Instagram at @fpcyoungadults or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf (jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org) for more info.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Men's Monday Bible Study: Mondays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., E103, an informal fellowship of men who want to grow in their understanding and application of God's word. During lunch they will read a book of the Bible followed by a Bible study.

Precept Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., E100, led by Denise Rounds; what does it mean to be holy and to know and love God deeply? They will study 1, 2 and 3 John and explore answers to these questions as they consider the fundamentals of Christian beliefs.

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service: First Church members and friends who find themselves without family nearby during the holidays are invited to the 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day worship service in the Chapel and a Thanksgiving meal following the service, hosted by the Deacons, in Stephenson Hall. There is no cost, but an RSVP is needed to allow the kitchen to plan for the meal. To register, please use the QR link below or you may contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029/kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org. Registration deadline is November 10.



Hearts for the Lord: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., E313, this class will be studying *None Like Him: 10 Ways We are Different From God* by Jen Wilkins. The study teaches how to become articulate and committed followers of Christ, with a clear understanding of why they believe what they believe, grounded in the Word of God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent Sermon Series (Promise Fulfilled): This advent season, we explore the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love through the prophetic writings of the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah stands at a crossroads, looking back at the unfolding story of God's redemption that we have explored this fall, and looking ahead to the promise of God's coming Kingdom and the advent of His great salvation. Join us as we consider how the words of Isaiah find their fulfillment in Christ and how they speak to us today as we await the return of our once and future King.

Advent Study Series at First Church: This Advent, our church family is invited to prepare our hearts through a four-week study called, "Promise Fulfilled" centered on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Sunday school classes will explore weekly video teachings from our pastors, and these presentations, as well as downloadable materials, will also be available on our website for small groups and independent study.

Packets of Advent study cards to be used as you light your wreath will be available beginning Sunday, November 30. These will contain scripture and discussion questions and are suitable for all ages. We look forward to walking together through this meaningful season as we anticipate the coming of Christ, the Light of the World.

Mark Your Calendars with these events:

December 21 Christmas Music Sunday
 December 24 Christmas Eve Services
 December 25 Christmas Day Service, Kerr Chapel
 December 28 Pancake Breakfast and Festival Sunday
 December 31 New Year's Eve Watch Night

USE YOUR TALENTS

Join our TV Ministry Team: Gain valuable video and broadcast experience while helping us reach thousands of TV and internet viewers each week. We're looking for students and adults to volunteer in this ministry. For more information, contact Alex Pennell, TV/Video Manager, at 314-607-1032.

The Presbyterian Women's November Mission is the Coffee Bunker, non-profit organization founded in Tulsa. Please consider donating funds which will be used to prepare holiday meals for veterans, active duty, National Guard, Reservists and their families who rely on support from the Coffee Bunker. Cash or check donations may be placed in the PW mission acrylic donation box located in the atrium on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings throughout the month of November.

Become a mentor to new First Church members: Help new members feel welcomed and connected to First Church! We have launched a mentorship program, pairing each new member with someone to walk alongside them for six months. As a mentor, you will greet them on Sundays and connect with them once a month. Contact Emma Myatt at emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org to sign up.



Sing with the Choir for Christmas! You are invited to add your voice to the Chancel Choir for the worship services on Christmas Music Sunday, December 21, and Christmas Eve. Join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on December 3, 10, and 17. For details contact Ron Pearson at rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1013.

Christmas Eve Nativity: Children and youth ages 3 and up are invited to take part in this beloved tradition, presented during the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. There are many ways to participate, from Biblical characters and animals to angels, acolytes, and liturgists. Every child can find their place in the story. Rehearsal schedules vary by role and age. The children's and youth choirs will begin learning Nativity songs and carols in mid-November during their regular rehearsals, and all who wish to sing are encouraged to attend. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. Registration closes on November 16.



Flowers and Christmas Greenery: Every December you will notice the greenery that decorates the church; this greenery is given in memory of loved ones. Each Sunday of the year, families give flowers honoring their loved ones. If you would like to give flowers in 2026, please email your information to Dionna Schooley at dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org.

With gratitude for those whom the Lord has added to our number,
we offer a warm and heartfelt welcome!

Certificate of Transfer

Daphne and Allen Faries
Megan Gibbs
Rachel Gibbs
Whitney and Kevin Hearn
Jewel Pierson
Margo Williams

Reaffirmation of Faith

David Berg
Matthew Harris
Joseph "Jake" Hawes
Abigail "Abby" Herrold
Dalton Myatt
Richard Ormond

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 11/23

8:00 am	Worship: Kerr Chapel
8:45 am	Rejoice Ringers, 309
8:30 am	Worship: Stephenson Hall
9:15 am	First Church Choristers, 308
11:00 am	Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

Monday 11/24

12:00 pm	Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
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Tuesday 11/25

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E100
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Thursday 11/27

11:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service, Kerr Chapel
12:00 pm	Thanksgiving Day Lunch, Stephenson Hall

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., November 30

Cornerstone	<i>Gospel of John</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Simply Christian</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Book of John</i>	206
Foundations	<i>Advent Series</i>	E104
Harbingers	<i>Heidelberg Catechism</i>	E202
Morning Glory	<i>Advent Series</i>	B318
Reflections	<i>Advent Series</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Book of Joshua</i>	E203
Sojourners	<i>Attributes of God</i>	E204
Sowers	<i>Advent Series</i>	E205
The Vine	<i>Advent Series</i>	E100
UKirk	<i>Advent Series</i>	E201
Westminster Forum	Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200

THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS AND ORGANIST

Daniel Hutchinson, *Interim Senior Pastor*, James Estes, *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Julia Metcalf, *Associate Pastor* Wambugu Gachungi, *Associate Pastor*
 Ron Pearson, *Organist and Music Director*